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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): An oven door lock mechanism for use with an oven having a door and a frame configured so that the door is adjacent the frame when the door is closed, the lock mechanism comprising:

a latch supported above and coupled to the frame to rotate about a pivot axis and rotatable between an unlatched and latched position, the latch including a follower surface offset from the pivot axis and a latching member extending beyond the frame for interacting with the door;

an actuator pin movably supported by the frame, the actuator pin having an outer end extending beyond the frame for engaging the oven door upon closure and a cam end engaging the follower surface of the latch for rotating the latch into the latched position wherein the door is adapted to be captured by the latch;

a motor driving a shaft when actuated;

a cam mounted to the shaft for rotation thereabout, the cam being rotatable between a non-blocked position and a blocked position wherein the cam blocks movement of the latch from the latched position to the unlatched position and wherein movement of the cam between the non-blocked position and the blocked position is accomplished by rotation of the cam by 60 degrees.

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Claim 2 (original): The device of claim 1 further comprising a switch controlling a motor driver circuit and wherein movement of the latch between the unlatched and latched positions induces a change in state of the switch from a state in which the motor driver circuit is disabled to a state in which the motor driver circuit is enabled.

Claim 3 (original): The device of claim 1 wherein the cam rotates between the non-blocked position wherein rotation of the latch is not inhibited by the cam and the blocked position.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The device of claim 3 and further comprising a cam actuated switch and wherein rotation of the cam between the non-blocked position and the blocked position results in actuation of the switch.

Claim 5 (original): The device of claim 4 further comprising a switch controlling a motor driver circuit and wherein movement of the latch between the unlatched and latched positions induces a change in state of the switch from a state in which the motor driver circuit is disabled to a state in which the motor driver circuit is enabled.

Claim 6 (original): The device of claim 5 wherein the cam includes a three lobed cam having three lobes and each two lobes defining a void therebetween.

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Claim 7 (original): The device of claim 6 wherein the latch includes a blockable arm

having a blocked member offset from the pivot axis and wherein the blocked member is

disposed at least partially within one of the voids between two lobes of the cam when the

latch is in the unlatched position.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The device of claim 3 and further comprising a lever

mounted for rotation about a second pivot axis relative to the oven and a link coupling the

latch to the lever and wherein the cam blocks rotation of the lever when in the blocked

position.

Claim 9 (original): The device of claim 8 wherein movement of the latch between the

unlatched and latched positions induces movement of the lever which engages and

disengages the switch to induce a change in state of the switch from a state in which the

motor driver circuit is disabled to a state in which the motor driver circuit is enabled.

Claim 10 (original): The device of claim 9 wherein the latch is mounted adjacent the

front of the oven and the lever and switch are mounted adjacent the rear of the oven.

Claims 11-20 are cancelled.

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Claim 21 (new): An oven door lock mechanism for use with an oven having a door and a frame configured so that the door is adjacent the frame when the door is closed, the lock mechanism comprising:

a latch having a body supported above and coupled to the frame to pivot about a pivot axis extending through the body and pivotable between an unlatched and latched position, the body of the latch including a follower surface offset from the pivot axis and a latching member extending beyond the frame for interacting with the door;

an actuator pin movably supported by the frame, the actuator pin having an outer end extending beyond the frame for engaging the oven door upon closure and being moved thereby and a cam end engaging the follower surface of the latch upon movement of the actuator pin and urging the latch to pivot into the latched position wherein the door is adapted to be captured by the latch;

a motor driving a shaft when actuated; and

a cam mounted to the shaft for rotation thereabout, the cam being rotatable between a non-blocked position and a blocked position wherein the cam blocks movement of the latch from the latched position to the unlatched position.

Claim 22 (new): The device of claim 21 wherein the cam rotates between the nonblocked position wherein rotation of the latch is not inhibited by the cam and the blocked position.

The device of claim 22 wherein the latch includes a blockable arm Claim 23 (new): having a blocked member offset from the pivot axis and wherein the blocked member is

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disposed at least partially within one of the voids between two lobes of the cam when the latch is in the unlatched position.

Claim 24 (new): The device of claim 23 further comprising a lever mounted for rotation about a second pivot axis relative to the oven and a link coupling the latch to the lever and wherein the cam blocks rotation of the lever when in the blocked position.

Claim 25 (new): The device of claim 24 further comprising a switch controlling a motor driver circuit and wherein movement of the latch between the unlatched and latched positions induces a change in state of the switch from a state in which the motor driver circuit is disabled to a state in which the motor driver circuit is enabled.

Claim 26 (new): An oven door lock mechanism for use with an oven having a door and a frame configured so that the door is adjacent the frame when the door is closed, the lock mechanism comprising:

a latch having a body supported above and coupled to the frame to pivot about a pivot axis extending through the body and pivotable between an unlatched and latched position, the body of the latch including a follower surface offset from the pivot axis and a latching member extending beyond the frame for interacting with the door;

an actuator pin movable upon closure of the oven door, the actuator pin having a cam end engaging the follower surface of the latch upon movement of the actuator pin and urging the latch to pivot into the latched position wherein the door is

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adapted to be captured by the latch;

a motor driving a shaft when actuated; and

a cam mounted to the shaft for rotation thereabout, the cam being rotatable between a non-blocked position and a blocked position wherein the cam blocks movement of the latch from the latched position to the unlatched position and wherein movement of the cam between the non-blocked position and the blocked position is accomplished by rotation of the cam by 60 degrees.

Claim 27 (new): The device of claim 26 wherein the cam rotates between the non-blocked position wherein rotation of the latch is not inhibited by the cam and the blocked position.

Claim 28 (new): The device of claim 27 wherein the latch includes a blockable arm having a blocked member offset from the pivot axis and wherein the blocked member is disposed at least partially within one of the voids between two lobes of the cam when the latch is in the unlatched position.

Claim 29 (new): The device of claim 28 further comprising a lever mounted for rotation about a second pivot axis relative to the oven and a link coupling the latch to the lever and wherein the cam blocks rotation of the lever when in the blocked position.

Claim 30 (new): The device of claim 29 further comprising a switch controlling a motor driver circuit and wherein movement of the latch between the unlatched and

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latched positions induces a change in state of the switch from a state in which the motor driver circuit is disabled to a state in which the motor driver circuit is enabled.